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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Irene Looney, who passed away on February 12, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Irene Looney was born in North Chicago on July 14, 1920 to Romanie and Alois Martens; she lived in Waukegan for many years; she married John Looney on June 30, 1964 and they moved into their new home in Gurnee in 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Irene Looney worked for many years at American Steel & Wire until her marriage to John; and

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WHEREAS, Irene Looney and her husband loved to travel; they made several trips to California, Florida, Hawaii, and numerous other states and lived for a time in Maine; they made a special trip was to Europe in 1980, where she was reunited with her Belgian family; she was proud of her Belgian heritage and coincidentally celebrated her birthday on July 14, Bastille Day; and

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WHEREAS, Irene Looney was a member of St. Joseph's Parish (Blessed Trinity) working in the parish registry for over 25 years, with her long-time friend Madeline Martino; she was a long-time member of The Catholic Women's Club/Lake County; she

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1 was named Woman of the Year in 1997; she made beautiful
2 afghans, gifting them to family and friends and her pie crust
3 was unsurpassable; she was always surrounded by friends and
4 kept in touch, writing cards with her graceful penmanship; and

5 WHEREAS, Irene Looney was preceded in death by her parents;
6 her brothers and their spouses, Jerry (Florence), Elmer (Sue),
7 and Cyril (Stella); her nephew, Elmer, Jr.; and her former
8 husband, Charles K. Glabowicz; and

9 WHEREAS, Irene Looney is survived by her husband, John; her
10 daughter, Charlene (Ray) Blais-Paulson; her son, "Chuck"
11 Glabowicz; her grandchildren, Lynn and Charles Glabowicz;
12 members of the Looney family: Austin, Jeanie, Bernadette,
13 Billie (Barbara), and Father Tom Looney; members of the Martin
14 family: nephew, Dennis (Mary Lou), niece, Joyce (Hal), JoAnne
15 (Fred), and Dolly (Harold); members of the Glabowicz family:
16 nieces and nephews, John (Kelly), Michael (Mary Clare), Jeanne
17 (John), Janice, Judy (Stan), Mary (Wally), JoAnne (Ken), and
18 Sheila (Dick), step-grandchildren: John and Robert (Lisa)
19 Blais, and Karen, Bryan, and Harold (Cindy) Paulson; many
20 grandchildren and great-grandchildren she "adopted" with her
21 love; and her special cousin, Hilda Sundell; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Irene Looney, and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
2 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Irene Looney as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.